

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:10 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Mike Malinsky with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
 - B. Pledge – Boy Scouts from Troop 557 led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present - Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell. Absent – Jim Lienhoop.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes: Robert Kittle moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of August 15, 2006. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting of August 28, 2006. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.22, 2006 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “I-2” (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL) TO “B-5” (GENERAL BUSINESS).” (Orinoco Properties, Inc.) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, gave a brief overview of the 3.23 acres requested to be re-zoned. The property is located at 1501 Cottage Avenue. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Ordinance. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.23, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURE) TO “SU-1” (SPECIAL USE – CHURCHES).” (Faith Ministries) Jeff Bergman gave a brief overview of the 5.25 acres requested to be re-zoned. Tim Darnall, surveyor representing Faith Ministries, was present to answer any questions the Council might have. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Oakel Hardy, Information Director, asked that Item D. on the agenda be heard before Item C. Robert Kittle made a motion to hear Item D. first followed by Item C. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

D. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.24, 2006, 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE.” Oakel Hardy presented this Ordinance. Oakel briefly discussed the issues of driver pay that Jim Norris, Director of Public Safety, had presented at the first reading. A modification was requested. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to amend the Ordinance with the maximum pay being as follows:

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY

	Maximum Pay
Foreman	\$ 17.19
Operators (6)	16.45
Driver I (7)	15.67
Driver II (7)	15.44
Part-time Laborer (3)	13.15

SANITATION

	Maximum Pay
Foreman	\$ 17.19
Operator (3)	16.45
Driver I (8)	15.67
Driver II (10)	15.44
Part-time Driver (2)	14.74
Part-time Laborer (4)	13.15

SHOP AND GARAGE

	Maximum Pay
Mechanic	\$ 19.08
Mechanic’s Assistant	16.46
Driver II	15.44

TRAFFIC

	Maximum Pay
Driver II (4)	\$ 15.44
Part-time Laborer (3)	13.15

Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Amended Ordinance. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

C. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 25, 2006, ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2007.” Oakel Hardy reported the changes had been made on the 2007 budget as instructed by the City Council at the first reading. He then stated this budget would need to be amended again to reflect the amended Salary Ordinance for 2007 that had been approved under Item D. Martha Myers move to amend the Ordinance by making the following reductions:

Reduce the appropriation in Motor Vehicle Highway by \$ 3915.00; reduce the appropriation in Sanitation by \$ 3672.00; reduce the appropriation in Shop and Garage by \$ 559 and reduce the appropriation in Traffic by \$ 2,237. Total reduction in the 2007 Budget is \$10,383.00. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

There was discussion with Lynn Lucas, Director of the Visitors' Center and Chuck Wilt, Director of Parks, regarding the cost to the City for bringing sports events to Columbus.

- E. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.26, 2006, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2007." Oakel Hardy presented the second reading of this Ordinance. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- F. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.27, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO THE CITY'S SEWAGE WORKS, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS, AND THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH SEWAGE WORKS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS." Keith Reeves, Director of Utilities along with Terry Coriden, attorney for City Utilities, Courtney Schaafsma with Crowe Chizek and Tom Froehle with Baker & Daniels presented this Ordinance. Mr. Froehle indicated this Ordinance is not the same one that was placed in proper channels at the last City Council meeting. He stated some technical changes had been made in the wording. Discussion followed. Ann DeVore moved to amend the Ordinance to "Version 8" the most recent Ordinance and the Ordinance before the Council. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Amended Version 8 Ordinance. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- I. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.28, 2006, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Liberty Advance Machine) Jim Clouse, Project Director for Community Development and Larry and Karen Durnil, owners of Liberty Advance Machine, Inc. requested tax abatement in the amount of \$158,011 in new manufacturing equipment. The equipment consists of a precision abrasive waterjet system and related components. The planned expansion will enable Liberty Advance Machine, Inc. to retain four (4) current jobs. Mr. Durnil indicated they had been in business 25 years and this equipment would make them more competitive. Robert Kittle indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Liberty Advance Machine to be in full compliance. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.29, 2006, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR "B" PRIORITY ITEMS." Oakel Hardy asked the "B" priority items for

computer items be released so he could make purchases according to the list submitted to the Council. Brief discussion followed. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.28, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2005 ENTITLED “THE 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE.” Paula Constant, Interim Director of Risk Management, presented this Ordinance. She indicated because Rick Caldwell is in Iraq, and she has stepped up to interim director, it has become necessary to hire someone on a part-time basis in order to do the administrative duties. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on first reading. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. Introduction of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Gehring Properties) Jeff Bergman explained there would be formal action on this matter but simply an introduction. Jeff Bergman indicated the property is 2.01 acres located west of US 31 and north of Southline Drive in Lowell Addition. The property is currently zoned R-2 (Single-family residential, but the applicant has indicated their intention is to request a rezoning for commercial development. Discussion followed.
- E. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPLACEMENT OFFICIAL ZONING MAPS FOR THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.” Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He stated this Ordinance was presented in order to approve the replacement of the aging Official Zoning Maps for the City of Columbus. The replacement Official Zoning Maps were produced using AutoCAD computer software. They are coordinated with Bartholomew County Geographic Information System (GIS) parcel and street data. The replacement maps can be readily reproduced and can be posted to the internet. Because of the numerous adjustments to zoning district boundaries due to changes in parcel lines and streets, Jeff Bergman asked that Council approve by Ordinance the adoption of the replacement of the Official Zoning Maps. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- F. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.30, 2006, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OR SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.” Bill Martin, Police Chief, requested he be allowed to sell or transfer certain personal property belonging to the Police Department. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to amend the Resolution to direct that all proceeds from the sale of used police cars and pepperball guns being receipted into the Cum Cap Fund with the proceeds from the radios and computers being receipted into the Advanced Technology Fund unless found inappropriate by the State Board of Accounts. Then the proceeds would be placed in the appropriate fund as specified. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. George Dutro moved to approve the amended Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

G. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.29, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE OVERTIME COMPENSATION LIMITS FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATION ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2006.” Bill Martin, Police Chief, asked Council to approve \$10,530.00 as additional appropriation in the line item for overtime for grant money received for Operation Pullover. Discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to suspend the rules and pass on first reading. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.

B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting October 3, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer